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In re Patent Application of:  
Vipul Patel

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For: NOISE REDUCTION IN A CAM  
MEMORY CELL

Examiner: Dang T. Nguyen

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004 (Paper No. 20040923), applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-4, 5-7, 18-20, 21-23, 28-30, and 35-37) for continued examination, with traverse.

The structures as set out in each of the claims in Groups I – IV are closely related (i.e., shield lines for content addressable memory). As such, the search required for each group would be the same and therefore, there is no serious burden on the Examiner to examine all of the groups in one application. (MPEP 803). It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that each of the claims presently pending in this application be examined.

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